



CITY OF OAKDALE
Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
5:00 PM
277 North Second Avenue
Oakdale, CA 95361

1-2. CALL TO ORDER/COMMISSIONERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Chairperson Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Michael Eggener, Chairperson
Don Duke
Natasha Hanley
John Lane

Absent: Jim Cates
Angie Gutierrez

Staff Present: Bryan Whitemyer, City Manager
Cherilyn Bairos, City Council Liaison
Linda Royalty, Recreation Supervisor
Nancy Smith, Administrative Clerk

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lloyd Kjos gave a presentation on the National Night Out event being held at Burchell Hill Park on August 4th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm and distributed information fliers. Highlights of the event include a car show, Oakdale Community Band Concert, free hot dogs, children's art contest, bicycle licensing, safety, crime prevention activities.

Mike Hancock asked if the City had talked any more about smoking in the parks. Bryan Whitemyer responded that there is not staff is able to work on this project at this time. Bryan suggested a community backed project rather than another ordinance. Mike Hancock pointed out that there is a County ordinance of no smoking within 25 yards of play equipment and Burchell Hill parks have this signs posted at the parks. Mike said that some grant funding will be available. Bryan suggested that it would be powerful if someone or group present it City Council to go forward.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

To approve the Minutes for the May 12, 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Lane, seconded by Commissioner Duke and **CARRIED**.

AYES: Hanley, Duke, Eggener, Lane
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cates, Gutierrez



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6. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. Old Business

1. Dorada Park Play Structure Update

Bryan Whitemyer reported that there have been regular meetings held to coordinate the Dorada Play Structure Rehabilitation. The next meeting is on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 5pm. He distributed renderings of the scope of the work that will be done during the play structure build from October 14-18, 2015. Linda Royalty commended that, depending on the amount of the donations, plaques will be put on play structures and a special wall to acknowledge their donations. Community groups have been very active with monetary donations as well as use of equipment and supplies. Bryan will present a letter asking for different levels of donations. All donations for the Play Structure project are going through the Rotary.

2. South Yosemite Community Park/Skate Park Update

Bryan Whitemyer distributed revised design plan for the park. He also reported that the City is waiting for utility work to be completed by PG&E. Their work has been delayed due to Rule 20A that requires American made products must be used. A meeting has been scheduled to work out problems. The City is hoping to have the work completed in November. The road project is expected to begin in the spring. Park construction has to wait until PG&E, Comcast and AT&T complete their work.

3. Valley View River Access Trail Update

Bryan Whitemyer reported that the construction of the trail has been stopped by CalRecycle. CalRecycle received notice from a residence that a sink hole had been found on the far West side of the park, near the water tower. CalRecycle now requires the City to do additional testing on the site to make sure there is no methane gas in any area of the park and the City has 60 days to complete the tests. Bryan distributed a time line of all the activity, including testing and positive environmental reports from various government agencies on the site beginning in 1996 for Burchell Hill residential subdivision through June 2015. Commissioner Lane reported that he has been with the River Access Group and reviewed all the environmental reports and found them to be thorough and presented no risks in the park.

B. New Business

1. Co-Sponsorship with Valley Arts Association Art Show

Linda Royalty presented a Special Event City co-sponsorship request from Valley Arts Association to have an art show with art created by adults at the Gene Bianchi Community Center October 15-18, 2015. They have had art shows in Escalon and would like to bring them to Oakdale. The artists pay a fee to show their art and proceeds from the event will be used for Oakdale High School student scholarships. Valley Arts would like to do another show featuring youth artists in early 2016.

MOTION

To approve City of Oakdale co-sponsorship with Valley Arts Association art show at the Gene Bianchi Community Center October 15-18, 2015 with the stipulation that all proceeds from the event be used for Oakdale High School art student scholarships.



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Moved by Commissioner Lane, seconded by Commission Duke and **CARRIED.**

AYES: Duke, Eggener, Lane
NOES: Hanley
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cates, Gutierrez

7. RECREATION UPDATE:

Linda Royalty reported that Movies Under the Stars first movie went well. Concerts in the Park starts on July 17th. The pool is doing well. There will be an Ice Cream Social and Community Band concert at the Senior Center on July 21st.

8. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Lane commented that he participated in the lap swim and the pool staff was doing a good job

Commissioner Eggener asked if the river rafting company that is using the Cottles Wood Trail for access to the river is paying any fees. Bryan advised that they are not paying any fees but are bringing people to Oakdale which benefits the City. Mike Hancock reported that River Journeys is working to improve the area by doing river cleanup and painting over graffiti along the trail. Commissioner Lane commented that group is very active in river cleanup.

Commissioner Hanely wanted to encourage everyone to attend the Dorada Park Play Park structure meetings and to spread the word about the project.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Eggener adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Smith
Administrative Clerk